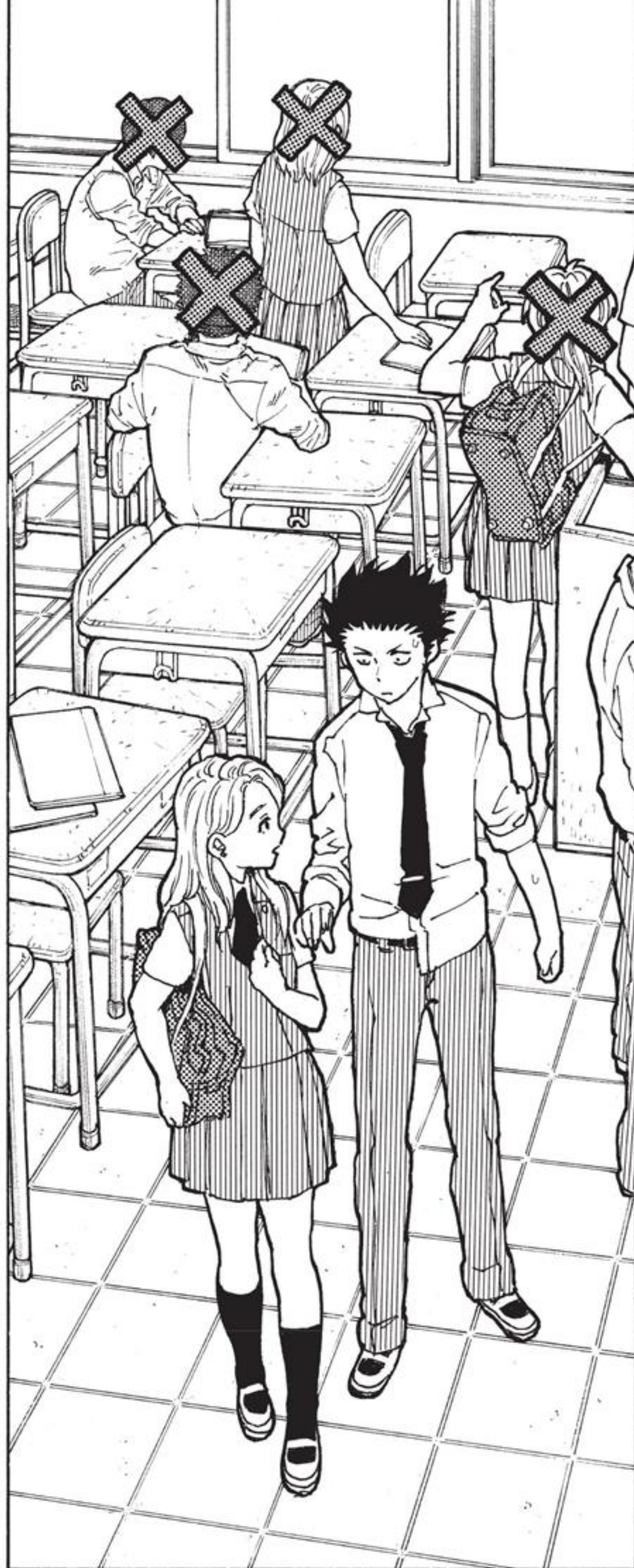
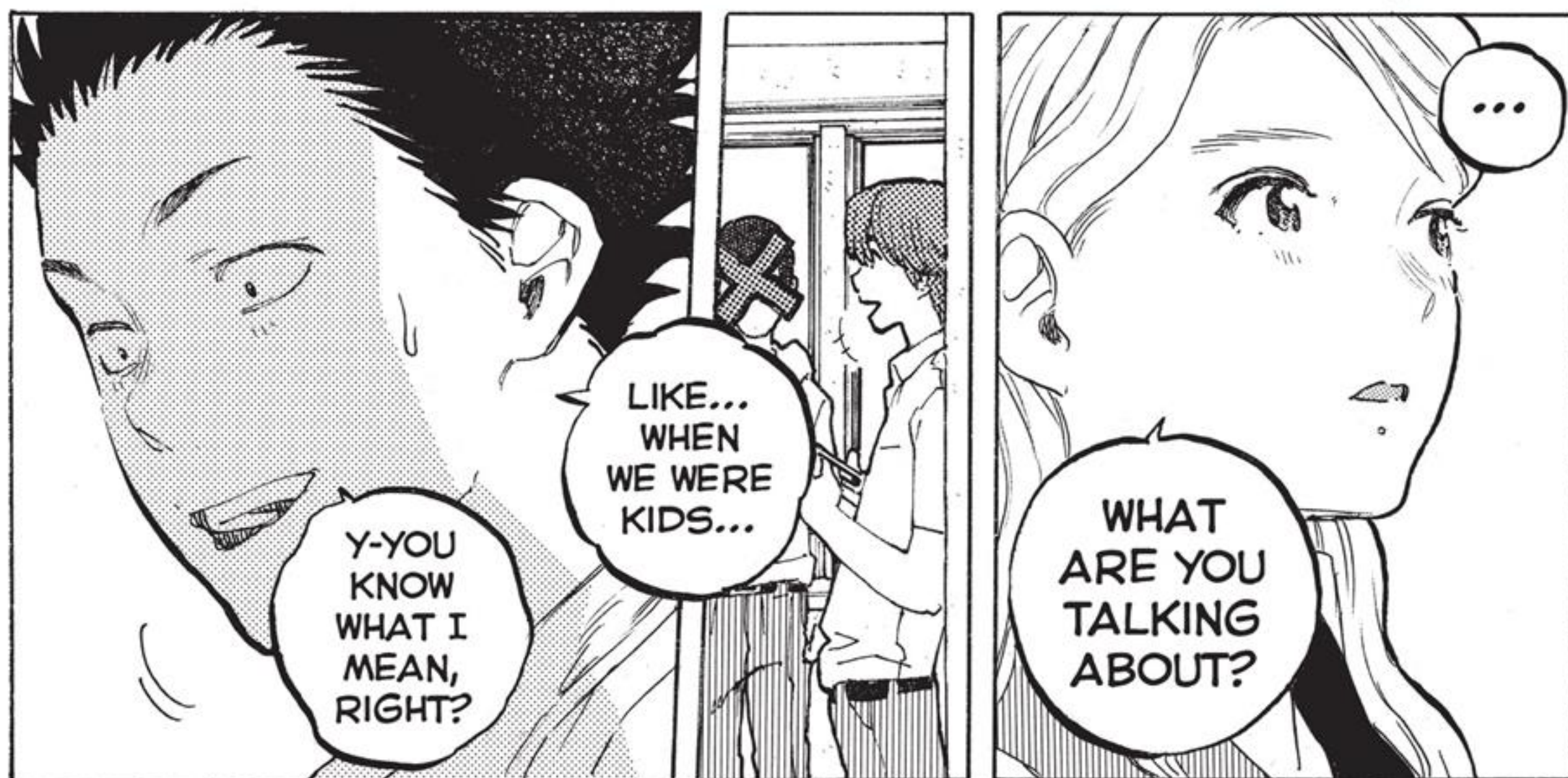




CHAPTER 38: JUMPING AT SHADOWS

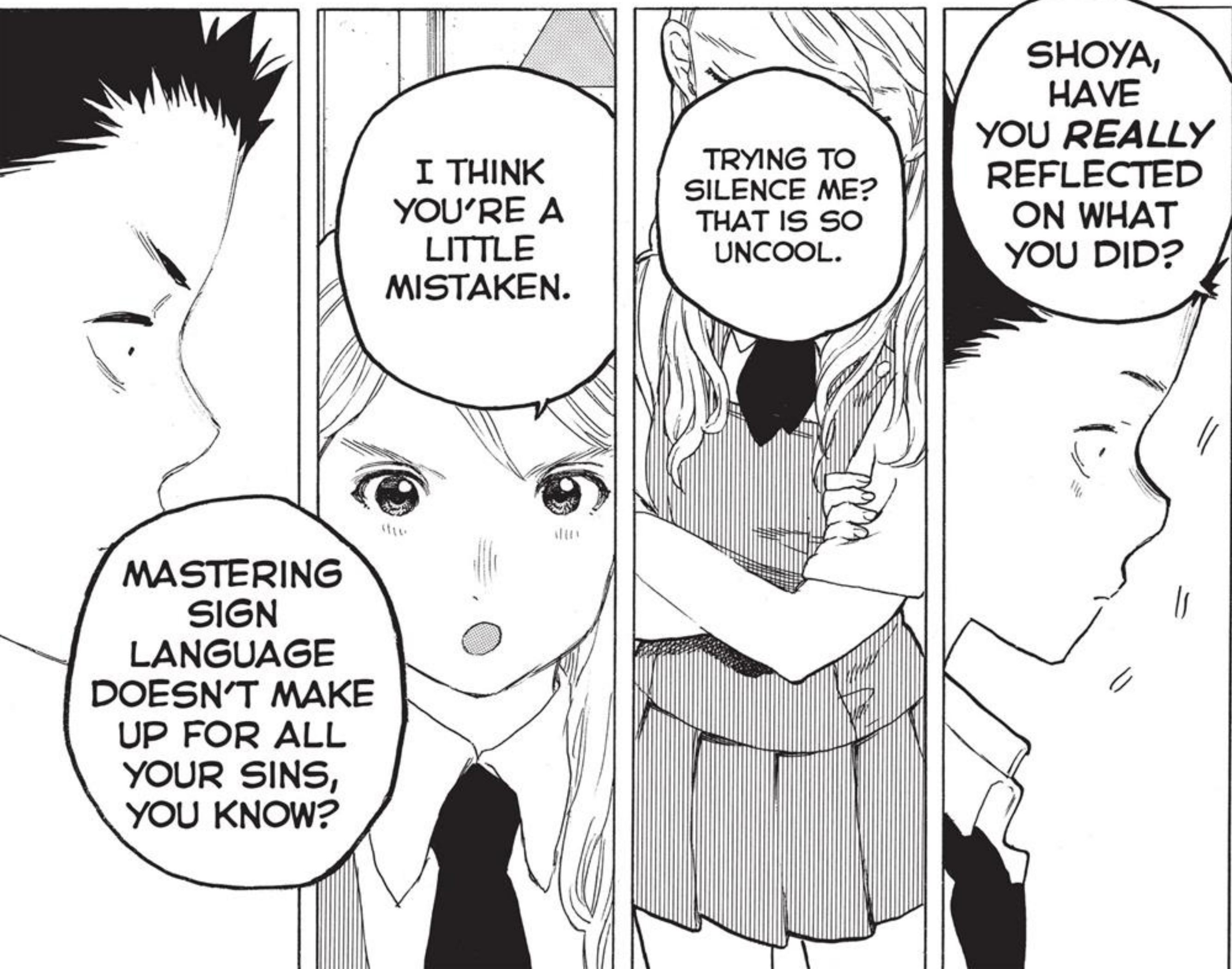




NOT SO
LOUD!

HEY!

DO YOU
THINK I GO
AROUND
RUNNING
MY MOUTH
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
?!

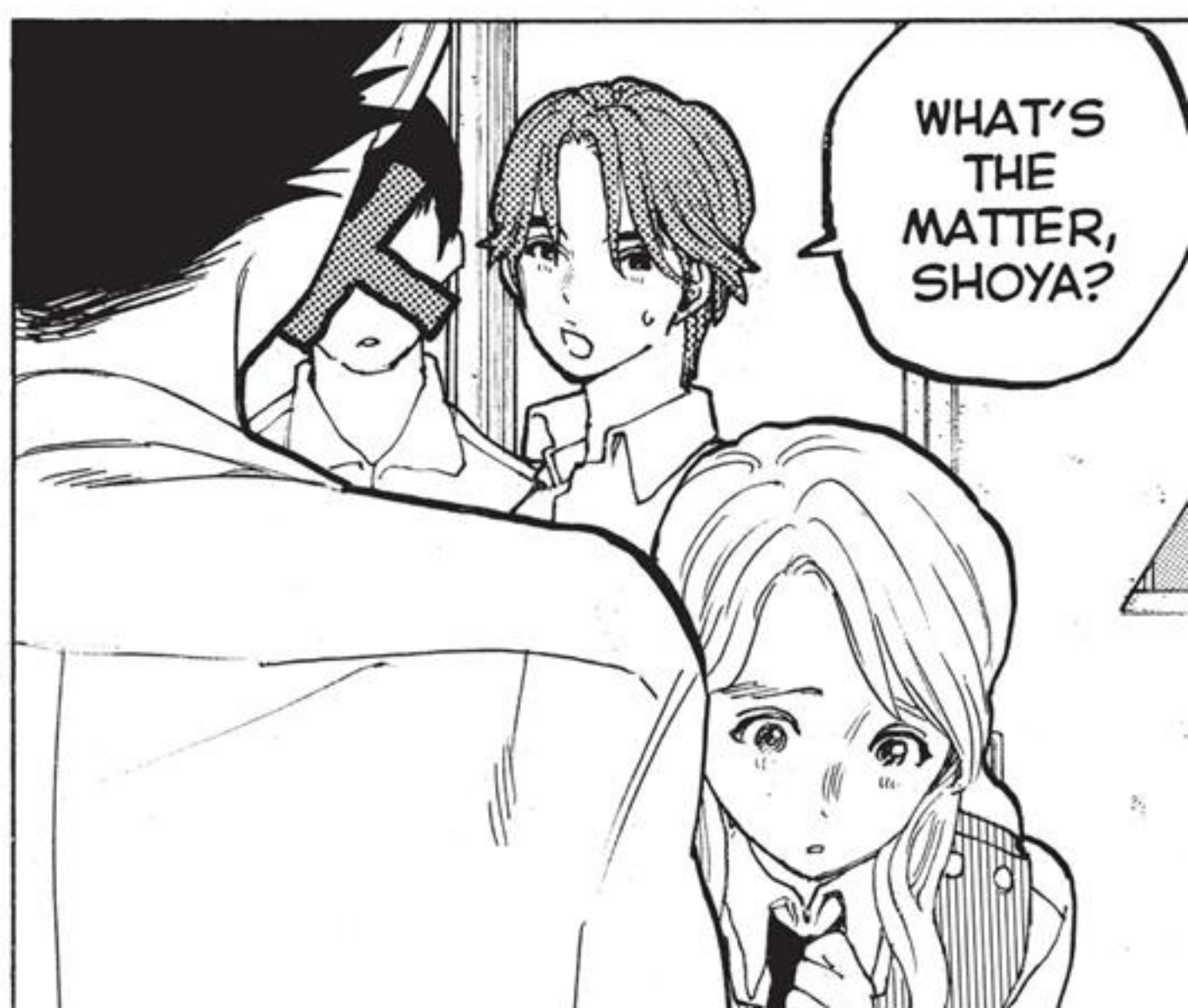
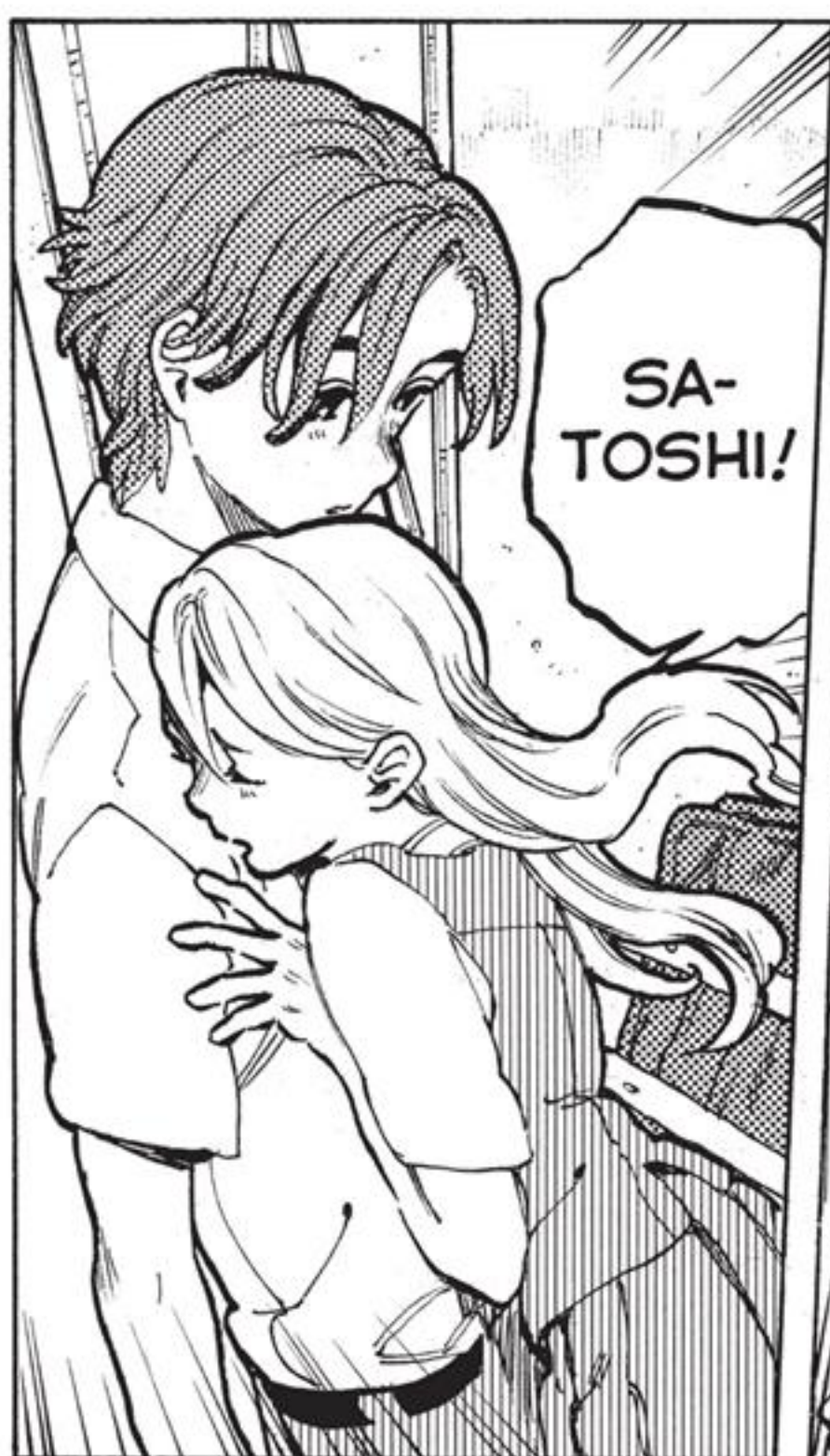
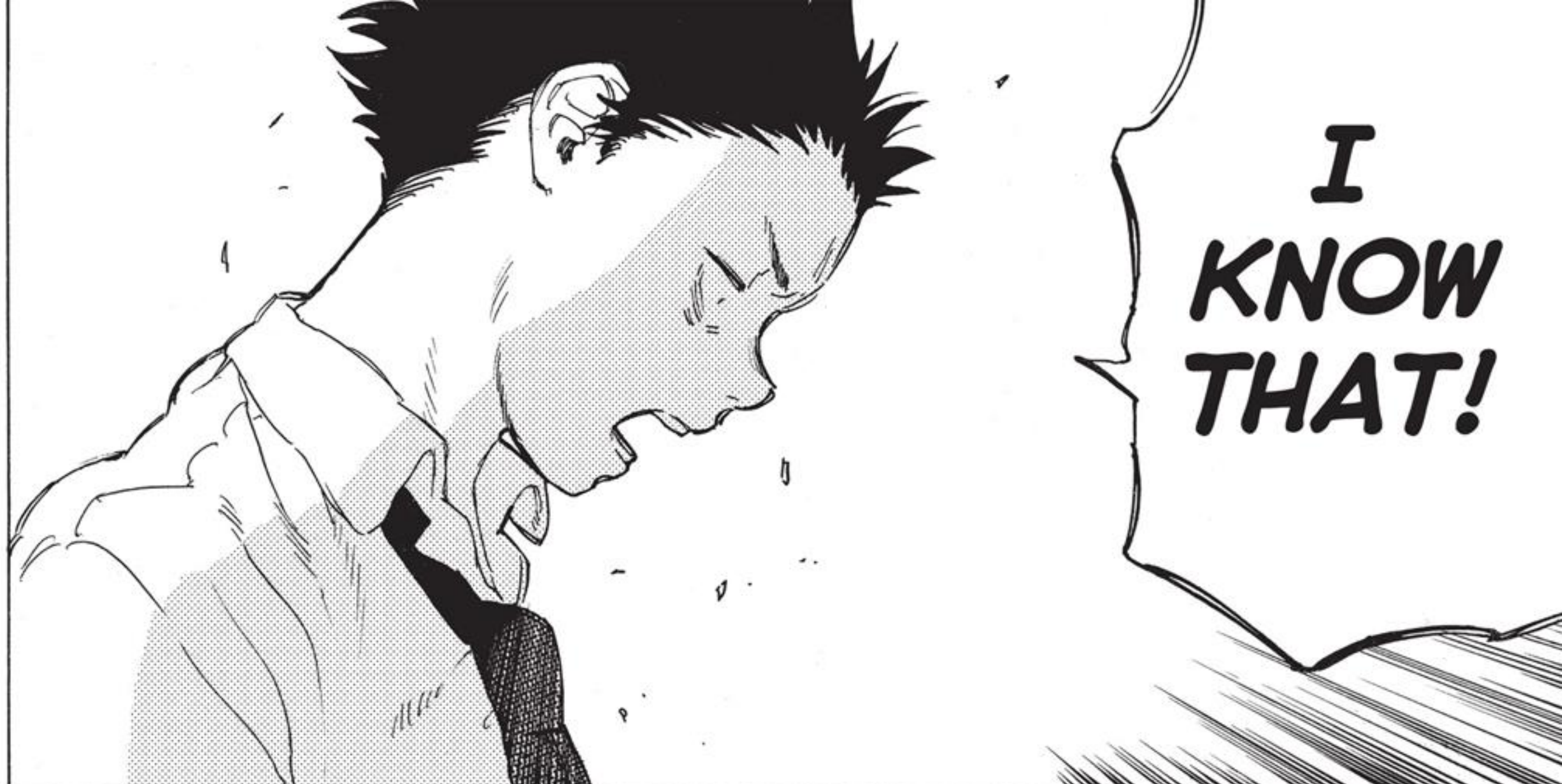


I THINK
YOU'RE A
LITTLE
MISTAKEN.

TRYING TO
SILENCE ME?
THAT IS SO
UNCOOL.

SHOYA,
HAVE
YOU *REALLY*
REFLECTED
ON WHAT
YOU DID?

MASTERING
SIGN
LANGUAGE
DOESN'T MAKE
UP FOR ALL
YOUR SINS,
YOU KNOW?





**SHOYA
WAS
BEHIND ALL
THE BULLY-
ING!!**

**IT'S
NOTH...**



**WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?**

**SILENCING?
"SINS"?**



-CHATTER-

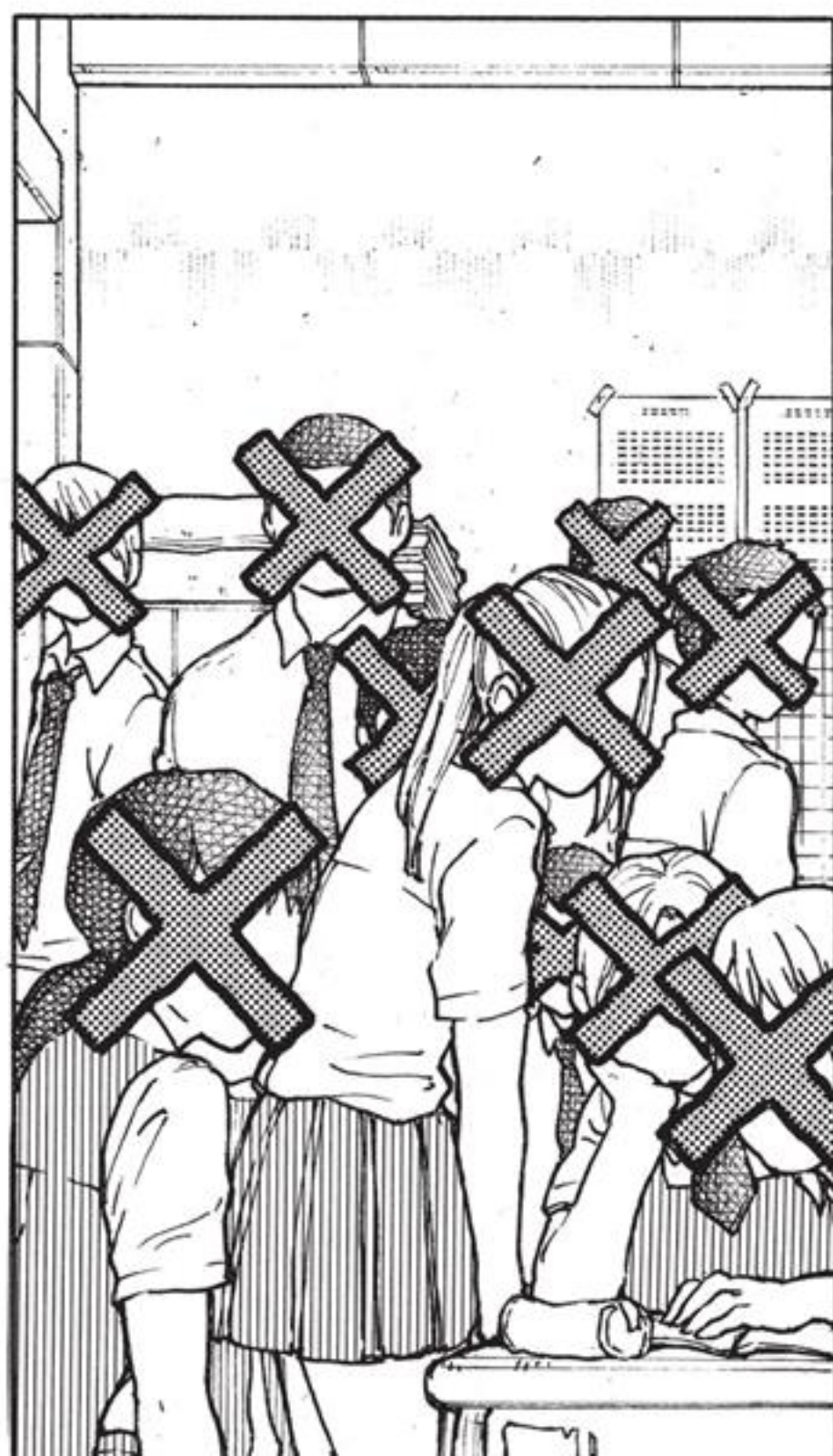
**AND HE
JUST TRIED TO
SCARE ME INTO
KEEPING QUIET
ABOUT IT!**

**HE WAS
VIOLENT TO...
TO SHOKO AND
MADE HER
TRANSFER
SCHOOLS!**



**HE'S
STILL
THE
SAME
ON THE
INSIDE!!**

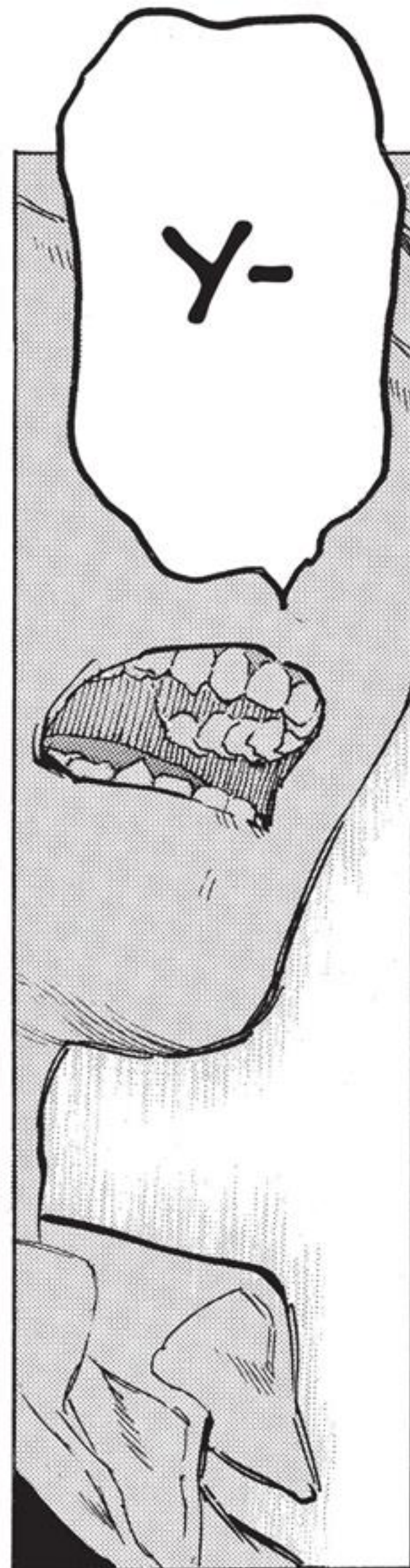
**HE THINKS
HE TURNED
OVER A NEW
LEAF, BUT HE
HASN'T!!**



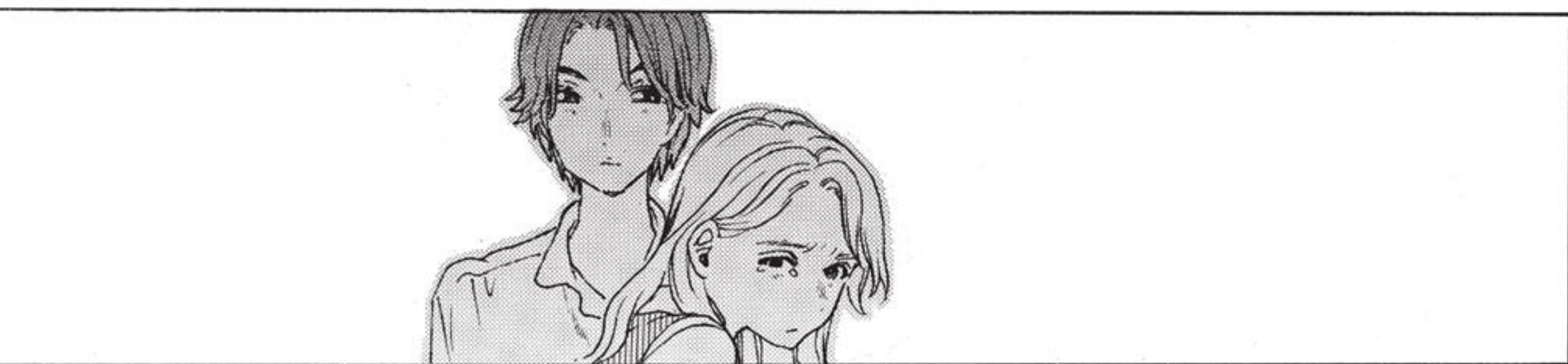


**YOU BAD-
MOUTHED
HER, TOO,
MIKI!!**

**WHAT
GIVES
YOU ANY
RIGHT TO
LECTURE
ME?!**



Y-



**I NEVER
BAD-
MOUTHED
HER EVEN
ONCE!!**

**I REALLY
DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING!**



**STOP
LYING!**



**I DIDN'T
DO
ANYTHING
...**

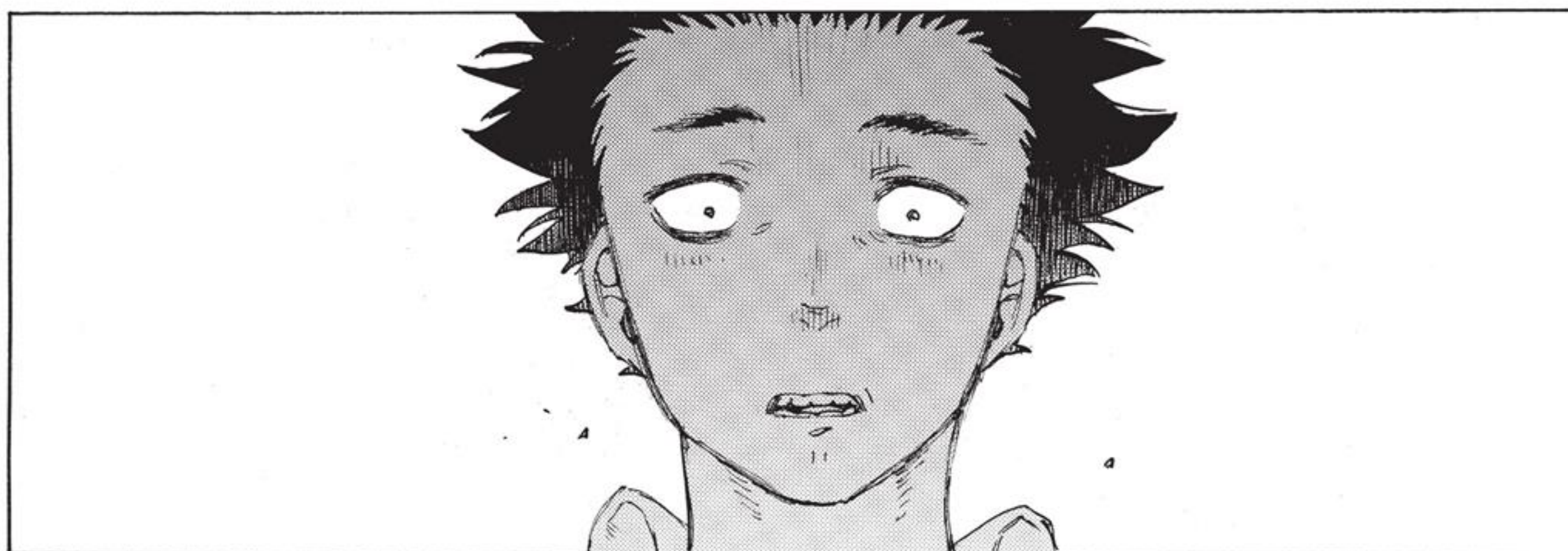
**WHY DO
YOU SAY
THINGS
LIKE
THAT?**



**AL-
WAYS,
AL-
WAYS!**

**I
ALWAYS
TOLD
YOU TO
STOP!**

**BUT YOU
NEVER
LISTENED
TO ME!!**



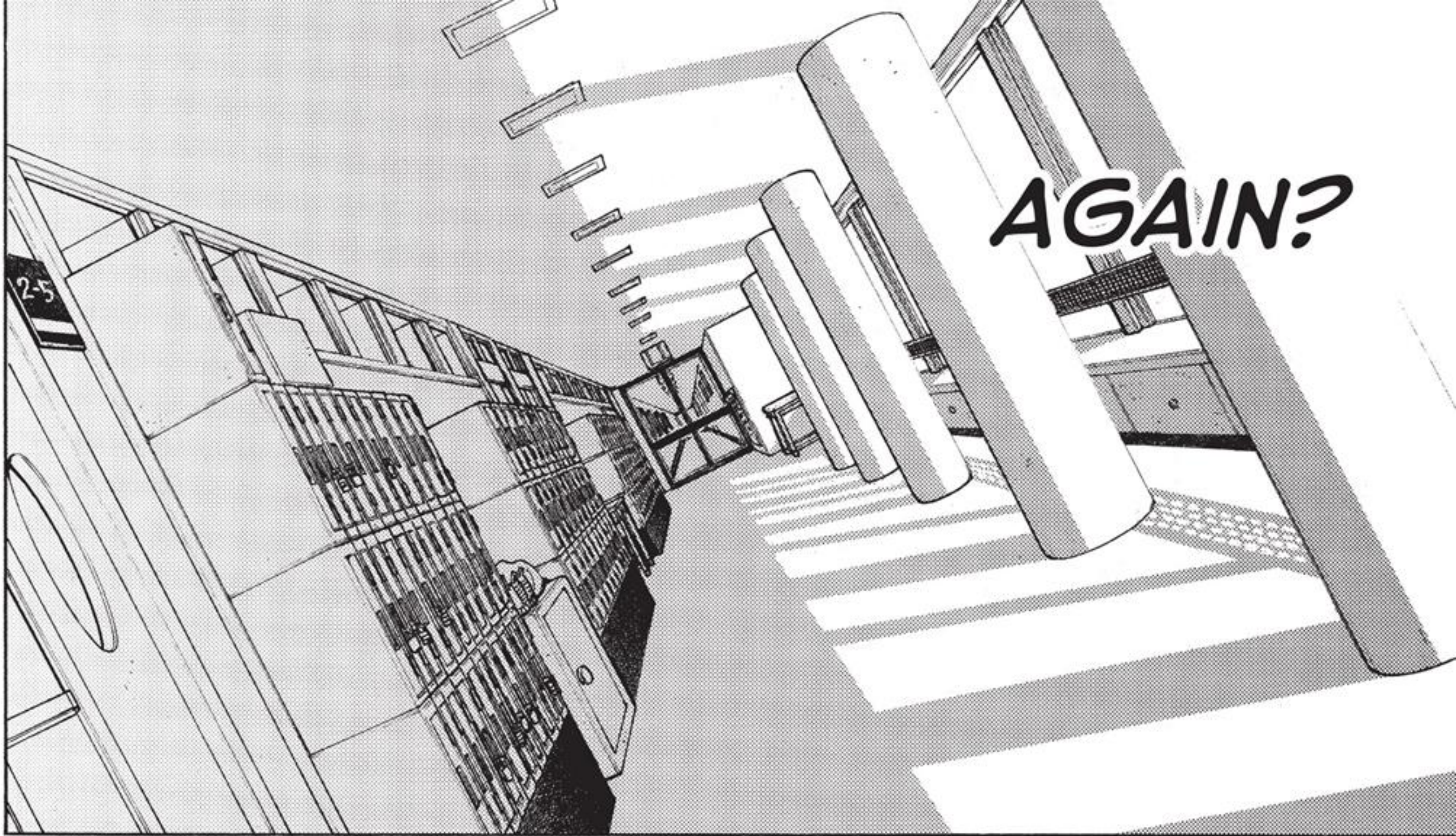
**GET
YOUR ACT
TOGETHER
ALREADY,
SHOYA!**

**WHY
ARE YOU
DIGGING
THIS UP
NOW AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS?!**

**I WAS
SO
SCARED!**

**I WAS
AFRAID THAT
IF I WARNED
YOU, YOU'D
START
BULLYING
ME, TOO!**





AGAIN?



THINGS
TURNED
OUT LIKE
THIS
AGAIN.



...I
PROBABLY
ALTERED
MY
MEMORIES
TO MAKE
MYSELF
FEEL
BETTER.

MIKI IS
RIGHT...



...I
KNOW
THAT.

AND
IT'S
MY
OWN
FAULT
...





DAMN IT.

I CAN'T
REMEMBER.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
BELIEVE
ANYMORE.

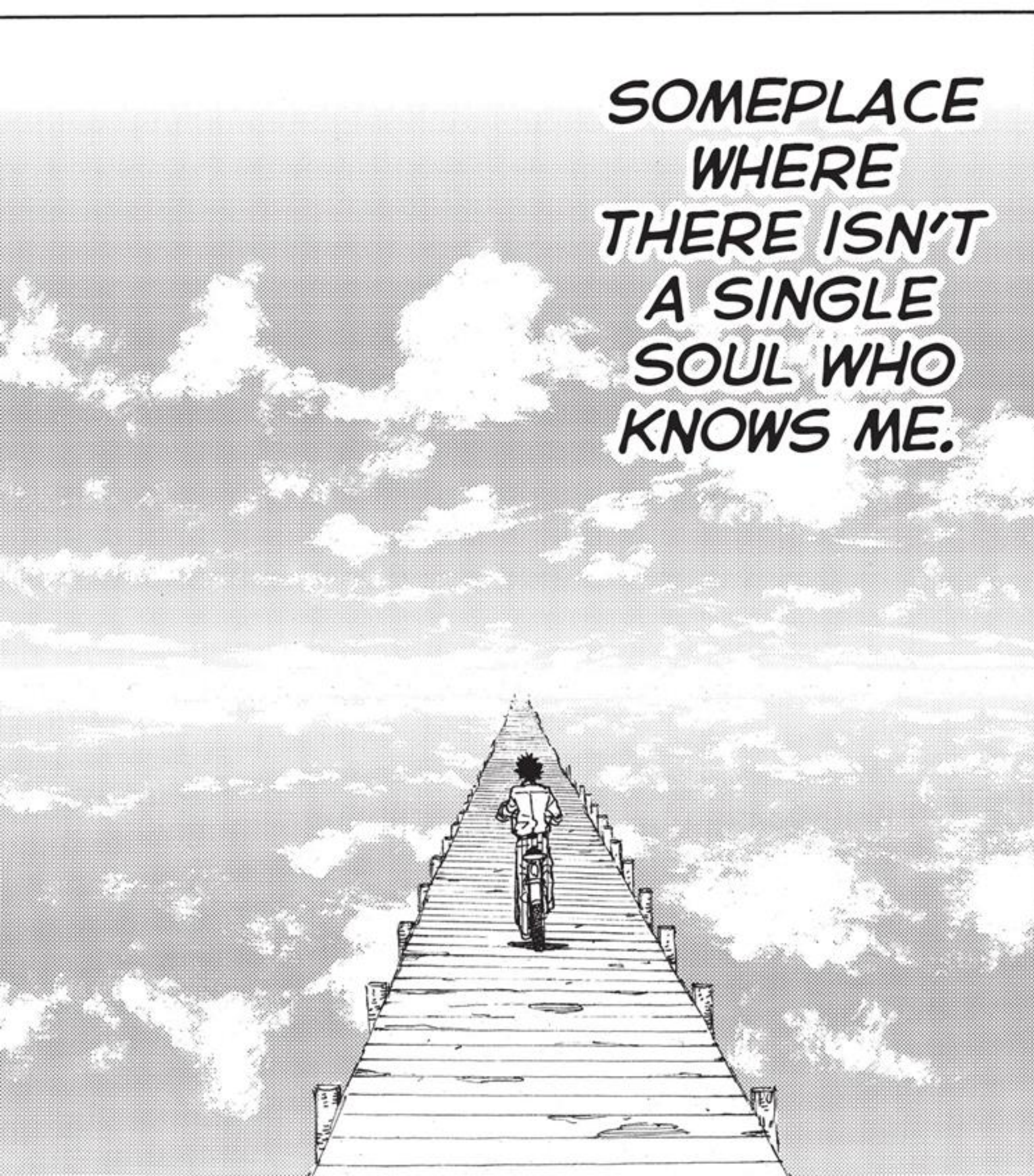


I'M
EMBAR-
RASSED
TO BE
ALIVE.

I WANNA
GO SOME-
PLACE
WHERE
THERE'S
NO ONE
AROUND.



MAYBE I'M
THE LEAST
RELIABLE
OF ALL...



SOMEPLACE
WHERE
THERE ISN'T
A SINGLE
SOUL WHO
KNOWS ME.

IT'S
NO
USE.
I
DON'T
KNOW.



